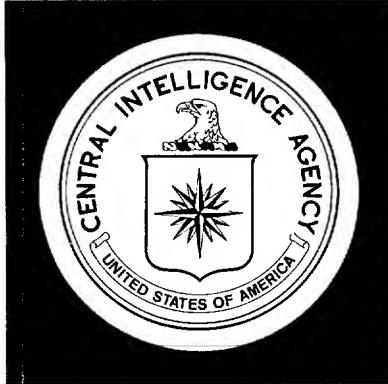
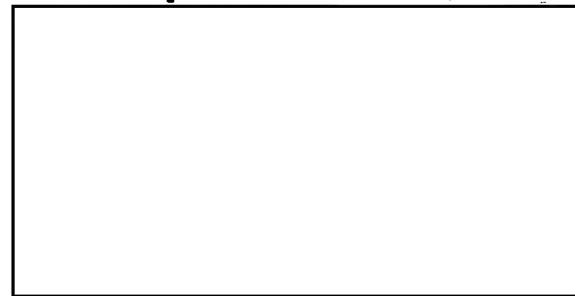


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C UN: Yesterday's Security Council meeting on the Lebanese complaint made no progress, and off-the-floor negotiations indicate that it will be very difficult to obtain a balanced resolution.

Britain's efforts to launch a joint resolution with France failed and both states moved to work from the existing Lebanese draft. That draft specifically condemns "Israel's violation of Lebanese territorial integrity and sovereignty" and makes no reference to Arab acts of violence. A British Foreign Office representative said yesterday that the UK delegation would attempt to amend the Lebanese draft, but predicted that there was no chance of attaining balanced language condemning both sides. If these attempts fail, the British are willing to vote for the draft in its present form.

Also conferring yesterday with US officials, Lebanese Ambassador Kabbani offered little encouragement for attempts to alter his country's draft. Efforts in past Council meetings to amend Arab resolutions have never succeeded. Egypt, furthermore, is reportedly urging Lebanon to present a strong resolution on the grounds that a US veto is inevitable.

The Council will meet again this morning, and the debate will probably continue for several more days.

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South Vietnam: The Communists have recently moved most of their SA-2 missile equipment from launch sites near Khe Sanh, probably in order to reduce its vulnerability.

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USSR: Six Soviet submarines that recently completed a lengthy deployment in the Mediterranean entered the Atlantic on 16 April, en route to Northern Fleet waters.

MBFR: The North Atlantic Council today begins its discussion of the Soviet proposal to end the Hungarian participation dispute, which has stalled the initial MBFR talks since late January.

Finland-CEMA: Helsinki's draft agreement on economic and technical cooperation with CEMA will be signed next month.

Iran-USSR: Premier Kosygin met Prime Minister Hoveyda in a brief and unexpected airport stopover in Moscow on Hoveyda's way home from an official visit to London.

Iran - North Korea: Iran has informed Seoul that it plans to recognize the North Korean Government on 20 April.

West Africa: The leaders of six French-speaking states took formal action yesterday in Ivory Coast to implement their West African Economic Community.

French Nuclear Testing: Following Australian Prime Minister Whitlam's initiative, nine South Pacific nations yesterday condemned French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

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